

**RESPONSE A
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IN THE SPECIFICATION:

On page 2, ll. 5 – 10 exclusive of the title is replaced as follows:

This case is related to US Patent Applications, "A Diagnostic Pipette Assembly Including Apparatus For Automated Aspiration", Hool et al, ~~DOCKET NO HCDI1786~~ US Serial No. 09/849,731, filed May 3, 2001, now pending and "A Diagnostic Sample Tube Including Anti-Rotation Apparatus", Hool et al, ~~HCDI1787~~ US Patent No. 6,770,244 B2, issued August 3, 2004, filed concurrently and simultaneously with this application and for which, at this time no serial number or filing date exist.

Also amended are Pages 4, l. 18 through page 18, l 10 as follows: